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Iran

Presidential Council Meets--Tehran radio reported that the Provisional Presidential Council, consisting of Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i, Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani and Supreme Court President Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, has held its first meeting. The members decided that Rafsanjani would represent the presidency at Supreme Defense Council meetings and that the ground would be prepared for the presidential election on 24 July.

Bani-Sadr Whereabouts, Security Situation--AFP reported that Tehran Public Prosecutor Husan Lajevardi told a press conference that former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr is probably still in Iran. AFP also cited Lajevardi as saying that 400 people have been arrested in Tehran since the violent clashes on 20 June and that the authorities cannot show clemency toward anyone, including young girls, who actively support the Mojahedin-e Khalq and Peykar. According to AFP, Tehran newspapers have reported clashes in other Iranian cities in which 6 people were killed, 33 wounded and 220 arrested. Shiraz radio reported a violent clash and arrests of mojahedin in Jahrom, while Ahvaz radio said that an opposition demonstration in Masjed Soleyman dispersed after Hezbollahi fundamentalists confronted it. Tehran radio reported that a bomb explosion in Qom railway station killed 4 persons and wounded 58. AFP said the Tehran funeral of Mostafa Chamran, former representative of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni on the Supreme Defense Council and militia commander, was turned into a demonstration of mass support for the regime, with hundreds of thousands of people marching behind the coffin.

Iraq

At a Cabinet meeting on 23 June President Saddam Husayn appealed to countries that are desirous of peace and security to help the Arabs obtain nuclear bombs to confront Israel's nuclear bomb. In his speech, carried textually by Baghdad radio, he asserted that Israel fears Iraq's scientific, social, economic and political development more than it fears the Iraqi nuclear bomb, and he asked rhetorically what would happen to the Arabs and mankind if Israel imposed conditions on the Arabs that were not accepted and then used nuclear bombs against them.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

An Iranian Armed Forces communique, carried by Tehran radio, claimed that Iranian forces inflicted heavy losses on the Iraqis on the Abadan and Khuninshahr fronts, destroying seven tanks. An Iraqi Armed Forces General Command communique, transmitted by INA, spoke of a fierce battle in the Abadan region, asserting that Iraqi units forced Iranian infantry to retreat after sustaining heavy losses. INA reported that President Saddam Husayn received Olof Palme, the UN secretary general's special envoy, in Baghdad on 23 June. According to INA, the two sides reviewed UN efforts to settle the Iran-Iraq dispute.

Israel

Jerusalem radio broadcast an announcement by Prime Minister Menahem Begin's office denying what the radio called an "accusation hinted at" by the U.S. State Department spokesman that Begin had publicized a confidential document sent by the U.S. administration to Israel evaluating the Iraqi nuclear reactor. The announcement asserted that Begin did not publish the document but only reported on its content to the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee, whose members are pledged to secrecy. Nevertheless it asserted, someone on the committee, wishing to drive a wedge between Begin and the U.S. administration, leaked the prime minister's confidential remarks.

Israeli-Egyptian Relations

The Tel Aviv daily MA'ARIV reported that as part of its reaction to the Israeli strike at Iraq's nuclear reactor, Cairo has caused the postponement of the departure for Egypt of a group of Israeli agricultural experts.

Lebanese Crisis

According to Beirut radio, U.S. special envoy Philib Habib met with Lebanese President Ilyas Sarkis on 22 June upon his arrival from Saudi Arabia and again on 23 June. The radio reported that Sarkis and Habib reviewed the outcome of the latter's talks in Damascus, Riyadh and Jerusalem. The Voice of Lebanon Radio reported that Beirut was calm during the evening of 23 June despite scattered shelling on the contact lines. It said there was "cautious calm" in Zahlah despite some sniper fire in the residential quarters and rocket and weapons fire in the commercial sector earlier in the day. According to Beirut radio, an Israeli military unit tried to enter Kafr Hamam in the south but was intercepted by a Norwegian UNIFIL unit and forced to withdraw.

Arab Followup Committee

SPA reported that the Arab followup committee, consisting of the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Syria, Kuwait and Lebanon and the secretary general of the Arab League, began its meeting on 23 June, in Jidda to discuss ways of halting the war in Lebanon.

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GOVERNMENT PROTESTS 'ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT'

BK231730 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Excerpt] Foreign Minister Prof Shamsul Haq told Jatiya Sangsad [parliament] tonight that the government is fully determined to safeguard national interest and sovereignty at all cost. He was speaking on an adjournment motion on the landing of a foreign aircraft in Dacca recently. The motion was moved by Mohammad Toaha of Samyabadi Dal.

The foreign minister said the government has dealt very effectively with the situation arising out of the landing of the aircraft and the country's interest has been fully safeguarded. He said the government has lodged a protest against bringing highly sophisticated electronic equipment by the said aircraft. These equipment are now in the custody of the Bangladesh government.

Prof Shamsul Haq said Bangladesh has consistently followed an independent and non-aligned foreign policy and because of this the country has earned the respect and admiration of all foreign countries. He said: Our constructive and well-balanced foreign policy and role we have played in respect of all international and regional issues has raised greatly the country's prestige and image abroad.

OPPOSITION PARTIES WANT TO DELAY ELECTIONS

BK240754 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 24 Jun 81

[Text] The combine of 17 opposition political parties in Bangladesh has demanded the shifting of the date for the presidential election from 21 September to the third week of November. In a resolution adopted at a meeting in Dacca, these parties criticized the government for fixing the presidential election date without consulting the opposition.

ERSAD: ARMED FORCES TO BE KEPT OUT OF POLITICS

BK211305 Hong Kong AFP in English 0218 GMT 21 Jun 81

[Text] Dacca, 21 Jun (AFP)--The armed forces in Bangladesh will be kept out of politics, the chief of the Bangladesh Army, Lieutenant General H.M. Ersad, said in an interview published yesterday. The general, 51, expressed allegiance to the constitutional government after President Ziaur Rahman's assassination three weeks back in a short-lived military rebellion in the port city of Chittagong. He told the government-owned Bengali weekly BICHITRA that a solider's duty was to protect the sanctity of the constitution and remain loyal to the lawful government. His interview in BICHITRA came amid general apprehension in political quarters since the Chittagong rebellion on May 30 that the armed forces might take over if the civilian government of acting President Abdus Sattar failed to overcome the crisis.

Gen Ersad described the events that resulted in the assassination of Gen Zia as an "isolated event" by a handful of persons in the army. After their elimination, he said, there should be no confusion among the people about the unity and discipline of the armed forces.

Asked about coup leader Maj Gen Abdul Manzur, who was killed, Gen Ersad said that Manzur was always known as an ambitious officer who considered himself the only competent man to run the government. Gen Ersad said Manzur was killed by his own abandoned soldiers as he fled after the coup failed.

Gen Ersad said three to four more days would be needed to complete the investigation of the failed coup. After that, a court-martial would open on the basis of the investigation report.

GANDHI MEETS INDIAN ENVOY ON HUANG HUA VISIT

BK221625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 22 Jun 81

[Excerpt] Indian Ambassador in Beijing K.S. Bajpai met Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi in New Delhi today and discussed with her the forthcoming visit of Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua. He also met External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao. [Delhi Domestic Service in English at 1530 GMT on 23 June cites PRC Ambassador to India Shen Jian as saying in New Delhi today that "China wants to further improve its ties with India and will adopt a positive attitude at the talks to be held later this week in New Delhi between the foreign ministers of the two countries." The ambassador is also quoted as saying that his country's "considered approach is that relations between two friendly neighbors should be strengthened" and that "the Chinese side will approach the talks with the hope that Hua's 5-day visit, beginning on Friday, will lead to an improvement in relations. The joint efforts by both the countries should help in narrowing down their differences, he added."]

GANDHI ADDRESSES RALLY MARKING SON'S DEATH

BK231416 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Excerpts] Thousands of rallies all over the country, including farflung areas, blood donation camps, planting of trees and a massive campaign against social evils marked the observence of Sanjay Gandhi's first death anniversary today. The main function was held in New Delhi with a mass rally addressed by Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi near Shanti Vana, a short distance from Sanjay's samadhi [memorial]. Addressing the rally, Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi urged the people not to observe the day as one of mourning. On the contrary, they should ponder and ask themselves how much they are willing to sacrifice for the country. She wanted them to remember Sanjay's message that it was everyone's duty to maintain the dignity and prestige of the nation. She was sorry that certain forces are trying to weaken fabric of the nation's unity by whipping up divisive tendencies and sowing seeds of despondency. They are trying to weaken the government at the center and in the states, but they should realize that while doing so they weaken the nation's strength.

CONGRESS-I FORMS GOVERNMENT IN MANIPUR STATE

BK191313 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 18 Jun 81

[Text] A Congress-I ministry headed by Rishang Keishing has assumed office in Manipur. At a function at Raj Bhawan in Imphal this afternoon, Governor L.P. Singh administered the oath of office and secrecy to Rishang Keisingh as the chief minister. Six other Cabinet ministers and one minister of state were also sworn in.

CPI-M, CPI WIN BYELECTIONS IN WEST BENEGAL

BK171652 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 17 Jun 81

[Excerpt] In West Benegal, the Serampore Lok Sabha seat has gone in favor of the Communist Party of India-Marxist [CPI-M] candidate Ajit Bag. He defeated his nearest Congress-I rival Shanti Mohan Ray by a margin of over 96,000 votes. In the Darjeeling assembly constituency, CPI-M candidate (Tawang Dama Lama) has been declared elected. In a straight contest, (Lama) defeated his nearest Congress-I rival, D.S. Subba, by over 7,000 votes.

With this, the results of all the eight assembly and the lone Lok Sabha Sabha seats in the state for which the byelections were held on Sunday have come in. The CPI-M have captured five Assembly seats. Two seats have gone in favor of the Congress-I and one to Communist Party of India, an election partner of CPI-M.

ZIAUL HAQ SPEAKS AT FIRST IDEOLOGY COUNCIL MEETING

BK221317 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 22 Jun 81

[Excerpts] President General Mohammad Ziauml Haq has called upon the Council of Islamic Ideology to make the (?questions) and recommendations about economic and social affairs in an Islamic state and the establishment of a system of government suited to the needs of an Islamic state, keeping in view the present-day world. He was inaugurating the first meeting of the reconstituted Council of Islamic Ideology in Islamabad today.

Talking to newsmen after the council meeting, the president stressed the need for unity among the Muslim world in view of the danger created by Israeli air attack on Iraqi nuclear installation. He said the Muslim world should follow the principles of coexistence, Islamic values and the principles enunciated in the UN Charter. He, however, emphasized that the most effective measure in this regard is complete unity and solidarity in the (?realism) of Islamic comity of nations as well as spirit of understanding and accommodation among them.

Answering a question the president said the government has taken all necessary steps to protect its important installations in view of the threat posed by the Israeli aggression against Iraq.

Asked about his program to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Islamic Ummah Committee in Dacca, he said the matter is still under consideration.

AGHA SHAHI ADDRESSES AIR FORCE OFFICERS 21 JUN

BK211636 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 21 Jun 81

[Text] Foreign Minister Agha Shahi has said that recent developments in the diplomatic field result from the fact that Pakistan's principled stand on immediate and urgent issues and its strategic position in the region are well-recognized. Addressing Pakistan Air Force officers in Peshaware today, he said that the understanding reached with the United States on economic assistance and arms sales was based on the two countries' principles of sovereignty and equality. The agreement is not prejudicial to Pakistan's principles and policies as a nonaligned and Islamic Conference Organization member country, he added.

The foreign minister focused on the current geographical and political situation, Pakistan's posture on various regional and global issues as a nonaligned country, the process of further developing friendly relations with all countries, particularly neighboring countries, and the question of ending the shortage of vital arms to further ensure the country's defense. Later, Agha Shahi answered questions relating to various aspects of Pakistan's foreign policy and the current situation. Pakistan Air Force chief Mohammad Anwar Shamim and senior officials of the Pakistan Air Force were also present on the occasion.

COMMUNIST PARTY STATEMENT ON HAMEED BALUCH KILLING

LD221030 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0526 GMT 21 Jun 81

[Text] Kabul, 20 Jun (BAKHTAR)--The Communist Party of Pakistan strongly condemned the military regime of Pakistan for the brutal assassination of renowned student leader Hameed Baluch. The text of the statement issued at Karachi is as follows:

The usurper military regime of Islamabad has added one more black deed to their inglorious criminal record by brutally assassinating another best son of Pakistani people, Hameed Baluch, a leader of the Baluch Student Organization of Pakistan [BSO] and the Pakistan Federal Union of Students.

It may be recalled that orders to execute Hameed Baluch and his eight colleagues from BSO were issued by the military authorities in brazen defiance of a verdict by the Baluchistan high court, which decreed their mock trial by the military as null and void. The junta, which today acts both as the prosecutor and the judge in ever-increasing frame-ups against the opponents to military rule and junta's subservience to imperialism, has shed away all pretences of legality and deprived the country's judiciary of all powers to administer justice and to entertain any writs or appeals against any action of the military regime.

The military junta [words indistinct] Hameed Baluch [words indistinct] eight other colleagues also might be executed any time in order to appease their imperialist masters because these youth leaders personify the heroic opposition of the people of Pakistan to the tyrranical military rule and imperialist intrigues and had daringly demonstrated against the recruitment of Baluch youth as mercenaries for the army of reactionary Sultan Qabus for use against the revolutionary forces in Oman and other countries of the Middle East.

The increase in the brazenness of the junta and reinforced persecution of democratic and anti-imperialist popular forces in Pakistan, including the youth and students representatives, has a direct proportion to the increasingly massive military and financial aid which the U.S. imperialism and Chinese hegemonism are giving to their lackeys in Islamabad in order that they act as gendarmerie against the forces of peace and progress in the region and also to perpetuate their undemocratic rule with the use of brute force against the people.

Thus emboldened by their masters the pro-imperialist generals have let loose a reign of terror in the country. Thousands of political workers, trade union workers, students and progressive representatives of intelligentsia, the journalists, lawyers and languishing in jails without defense of trials. The regime is using the police and intelligence apparatuses reorganized on the pattern of SAVAK with the help of imperialist agencies for conducting a McCarthyist witch-hunt for all the left and democratic elements, especially the communist. Sadistic torturing of political prisoners is resorted to most frequently. Imprisoned communist leader Jam Saqi has been tortured [words indistinct] banned. Strict censorship prevents the reflection of anything in media except obscurantism and war-psychosis, anti-neighbourly tirades, and apologies of imperialism. Deprived of their basic human rights and civil liberties, faced with a deepening socio-economic crisis, and denied all opportunities for peaceful political struggle, the people of Pakistan are growingly becoming convinced that only a militant struggle based on the unity of all democratic and anti-imperialist forces will secure a way out from military rule and imperialist bondage.

This realization has found practical manifestation in varied demonstrations of heroic popular resistance to junta throughout Pakistan. By the example of their martyrdom for the cause of oppressed masses, brave sons of the people like Nazir Abbassi and Hameed Baluch have blazed the trail for all fighters for democracy.

While saluting the courage of martyr Hameed Baluch and his family who refused to make any mercy, petition to the junta, and strongly condemning the junta for its bestial crime, the Communist Party of Pakistan [CPP] calls upon all patriotic and democratic elements in Pakistan to pay due homage to martyr Hameed Baluch by coming out unitedly against this tyrranic regime, for the restoration of their democratic rights and for liberating their country from imperialist yoke.

The CC of the CPP calls upon progressive democratic peaceloving forces throughout the world to voice their condemnation of the regime for executing Hameed Baluch and to demand the withdrawal of execution orders against the other Baluch student leaders as also the release of all political prisoners.

PROVISIONAL PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETS 23 JUN

LD241126 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 24 Jun 81

[Text] The Central News Bureau reports that on the basis of article 130 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Provisional Presidential Council held its first session last night attended by the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, the president of the Supreme Court and the prime minister. The session considered matters relating to the administration of the country and the duties that the Constitution has laid down for this council, and adopted the following decisions:

1. Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i undertook the responsibility of appointing the supervisory body and handling the matters referred to the office of president.

2. Col Hedayatollah Hatami has been appointed interim person in charge of the office of the president effective 24 June.

3. Matters ratified by the Majlis will be signed by Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i and communicated for implementation.

4. A regular session of the Provisional Presidential Council will be convened once a week and extraordinary sessions will be held if necessary.

5. In the Supreme Defense Council sessions, Hasheni-Rafsanjani will take part on behalf of the Provisional Presidential Council as part of his duty.

6. Based on article 130 of the Constitution, a letter will be written to the Guardian Council asking it to supervise presidential elections in accordance with article 99. Similarly, a letter will be written to the prime minister so that the Interior Ministry can prepare for the presidential election on Friday, 24 July 1981.

These decisions were signed by the Provisional Presidential Council.

RAJA'I TO RUN IN 24 JUL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

GF241120 Paris AFP in English 1114 GMT 24 Jun 81

[Excerpts] Tehran, 24 Jun (AFP)--Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i today announced plans to run for president, shortly after official word that elections would take place next month for a successor to ousted head of state Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. Mr Raja'i, questioned by an Iranian journalist on reports that he would stand said "if the people wish it, I will take this post."

Ayatollah Beheshti, who heads the dominant, clergy-led Islamic Republic Party (IRP), said his party had not yet made its choice but hoped to pick a single candidate along with "all Islamic groups and organisations who follow the line of Imam Khomeyni." [Paris AFP in English at 1037 GMT on 24 June adds that Beheshti said "he would not be a candidate for the presidency but other members of the clergy would have the right to stand."] Ayatollah Beheshti also indicated that a foreign minister could soon be named and his appointment approved by the three-man interim presidential council, which also includes Mr Raja'i.

CABINET MEETS 24 JUN, DISCUSSES PALME VISIT

LD240912 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 24 Jun 81

[Text] The Cabinet met at 0600 this morning. During this session, which started with a Koranic recitation and was chaired by Prime Minister Raja'i, the prime minister first submitted a report on the formation of the Provisional Presidential Council, on conditions at the war fronts, on the defeated enemy forces and on the fighting and uplifted spirit of the forces of Islam, especially after the martyrdom of Islam's omnipotent guerrilla, Dr Mostafa Chamran.

The prime minister then submitted a report on the discussions with Olaf Palme, the UN secretary general's envoy, who came to our country on a mediation mission. He also commented on the position of the monafeqin [hypocrites] who, on the verge of the total defeat of the Iraqi ba'th, martyred a number of our innocent compatriots and injured many more by exploding a bomb in Qom train station. [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian at 1630 GMT on 23 June reports that "at 1632 today, a bomb exploded in the Qom train station only 4 minutes after the southbound passenger train from Tehran had stopped at the terminal." The report goes on to note that "this distardly and filthy plot left 4 dead and 58 wounded. The wounded were transferred to hospitals in the city. Investigations into this awful crime are continuing."]

The Cabinet, while expressing disgust over the inhuman and antipopular action of the hypocrites, who claim to be supporting the people and their allies, sympathized with the survivors of the incident and asked for an investigation and punishment of the perpetrators of his horrific crime according to Islamic justice. The Cabinet session is still in progress; the details of the session will be carried in later bulletins.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE REPORTS FIVE EXECUTIONS

LD240848 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 24 Jun 81

[Summary] The Tehran Public Prosecutor's Office has announced that five persons sentenced to death were executed in the evening of Tuesday, 23 June, at Evin Prison. The list of those executed and the charges against them are as follows: Kazem Fakhra'i-Fakharian was charged with cooperating with the Mojahedin-e Khalq and with participating in riots and was found guilty of waging war against God, corrupting the earth and of being an insurgent. Rabi'ollah Farid, Yadollah Pustchi, Masih Farhangi-Sabet and (Zarqabat Na'iyan) were charged with being members of the Zionist Zalleh sect giving financial aid to the Israeli regime and spying for international zionism. They were found guilty of waging war against God and corrupting the earth, and of being insurgents and heretics.

POLICE WARN OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY MINIGROUPS

LD231758 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Text] According to a PARS report, the representative of the imam and head of the Political-Ideological Department of the Islamic Republic police, in connection with the recent activities of counterrevolutionary minigroups, issued a statement that announced: The police of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in view of their ideological responsibilities and the guidelines of the imam--which it signed in action with its own blood--and the acceptance of the velayet-e faqih will not allow any person, counterrevolutionary or group to violate the holy integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is the result of the goals of martyrs. According to the orders of the imam--and with the support of the martyr-nurturing nation and the cooperation of other security organizations--they will be confronted with complete decisiveness.

INTERIOR MINISTRY STATEMENT ON MAJLIS BYELECTION

LD241210 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 24 Jun 81

[Text] The Interior Ministry's Public Relations Office, in a statement addressed to the inhabitants and residents of the constituencies of Tabriz, Mianeh, Bonab, Bartaqal, Moghan, Bostanabad, Kerman, Sirjan, Saravan, Chahbahar, Khash, Shirvan, Kashmar, Darehgaz, Fariman, Rudsar, Bandar-e Anzali, Boiin Zahra, Hashtrud, Boyer Ahmad, Delkhan and Bandar-e Langeh, has announced that voting for the Islamic Consultative Assembly byelections in these towns will take place on Friday, 26 June, from 0700. The voting will last at least 10 hours in these constituencies and the inhabitants of these areas may go to the polling stations, taking their identity papers with them, and vote for their chosen candidates.

MAJLIS DEBATES CREDENTIAL OF DEPUTY 23 JUN

GF231245 [Editorial Report] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian was intercepted in progress at 0402 GMT on 23 June broadcasting live coverage of a Majlis session. Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani is heard in the midst of a eulogy for the late Dr Chamran. This is followed by a debate on the credentials of a deputy, Behruziyeh.

A deputy begins reading points presumably raised by various deputies against the suitability of the deputy. Most of these points deal with letters written by individuals outlining the misdeeds of the deputy in confiscating property and gunrunning. Some allegations are made about the individual's being opposed to the clergy.

Behruziyeh is given 1 hour to reply to the charges. He begins by offering his condolences over the martyrdom of Dr Chamran. He follows this with a reiteration of the oath of office and, quoting article 62 of the Constitution and various other bylaws, discusses the investigation of his credentials by the Majlis special commission on credentials.

He cites letters to various judicial authorities, including Mahdavi-Kani, basically stressing a bias by the commission against him. According to him, he was falsely accused of murdering three individuals by their families and confiscating their wealth. Also, in letters to Mahdavi-Kani and others, he asked for a judicial investigation of allegations of gunrunning and of attacking the Constitution and the Council of Experts. Most of his arguments concern the wording of accusations against him and also various transgressions of the laws and Majlis regulations by the commission. He also attempts to reply to most points raised against him in detail, which include recounting his various trips to Kordestan, West Azarbayjan and other regions.

He is interrupted by Dr Bayani, who raises a point of order and says that, according to article 14 of the Majlis internal regulations, Behruziyeh is allowed only to defend his own credentials whereas he is effectively attacking Deputy Hemmati's credentials for raising the accusations against him. Dr Nasrollahi also interrupts to make the same point of order. Deputy Hematti then asks for permission to reply to accusations and is told by Rafasanjani that he will be given time in another session to defend himself.

At the end of Behruziyeh's speech, a vote is taken on acceptance of his credentials. The motion is defeated by a vote of 52 for, 105 against, 28 abstentions and 2 no-votes.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani repeatedly asks the deputies not to leave after the vote since he has an important point to mention. He speaks following his announcement regarding results of the vote on Behruziyeh's credentials but before getting into the subject orders the broadcast to be stopped.

The live relay ends at 0545 GMT.

MAJLIS DEBATES ON HOSTAGES TO BE PUBLISHED

LD241146 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 24 Jun 81

[Excerpts] The Islamic Consultative Assembly held an open session this morning. The session began with a recital of verses from the Koran and was chaired by Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

Today's open session approved a submission that reports on discussions during the Majlis closed sessions that were attended by Bani-Sadr regarding the appointment of the prime minister and also the closed sessions attended by Behzad Nabavi regarding the issue of the hostages should be published for the benefit of the public.

According to our correspondent, during today's session, Hashemi-Rafsanjani criticized the quality of newspaper reports on the Majlis and referred to a number of mistakes in this respect.

He said: To be fair, newspaper editors lose their credibility with this sort of work; how can the people trust these articles? Reports on the Majlis are sensitive. This is a place for legislation; therefore, do not treat the country's most basic decisionmaking center in this way. It is not becoming.

TUDEH PARTY OPPOSES PAPER CLOSURE PROTESTS

PM230915 [Editorial Report] Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian on 11 June carries on page 4 a 2,500-word roundup of statements issued by various organizations supporting the recent newspaper closures and condemning demonstrations and "recent incidents."

The report notes that "in a statement concerning the demonstrations and rallies held over the past few days by certain individuals and groups on the pretext of voicing their protest at newspaper closures, and while protesting itself at the closure of NAMEH-E MARDOM, the Tudeh Party of Iran Central Committee office has noted that 'in accordance with its basic policy, this party has not participated in any of the demonstrations or rallies and that under present circumstances it opposes such demonstrations and rallies as well as disturbances and clashes.'"

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF ISSUES COMMUNIQUE 547

LD231830 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Communique 547 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In his exalted name. The 24-hour battles of the self-sacrificing combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the western and southern fronts are hereby brought to the attention of the Muslim and revolutionary compatriots.

The relentless and self-sacrificing combatants on the Marivan front brought the Iraqi Army under severe artillery and heavy-weapons' fire, destroying one artillery position and two communication bridges and crushing an Iraqi garrison between Khormal and Sayyid Sadiq. There is no accurate information on enemy losses and casualties. They also set ablaze and destroyed three enemy ammunition trucks in the (Tekeh) sector.

Exchanges of fire continued in Meymak, Konjan Cham and Charmiyan. Thus on the Charmiyan front, our omnipotent combatants were able to destroy one observation post and four enemy slit trenches and foxholes. In these areas, a large number of the aggressive Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded.

On the Gilan-e Gharb front, thanks to the heavy artillery and mortar fire of the combatants of the ground forces, one cannon and one ammunition dump of the enemy were set ablaze and destroyed.

On the Qasr-e Shirin front, the gendarmerie returned the enemy fire, killing and injuring a number of them and crushing four personnel trenches. They also set abaze and destroyed an Iraqi ammunition tent.

On the fronts in western Dezful, the self-sacrificing combatants of the ground force and other forces in the region brought enemy positions under artillery and mortar fire, destroying two tanks, one 106-mm gun, one cannon, five ammunition dumps, one radar unit, four observation trenches and six trenches of the Iraqi forces. They also damaged three tanks and one vehicle. During this operation, some of the aggressive Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded.

Exchanges of fire between our forces and the enemy continued on the (Raqabiyah) front, resulting in enemy losses and casualties from the destruction of two ammunition dumps.

Yesterday and today, Ahvaz and Dezful came under fire by long-range enemy artillery. On the Mahshahr, Abadan and Darkhovin fronts, intense exchanges of fire continued and our self-sacrificing forces, while fully controlling Abadan's Meydan-e Tir, brought enemy positions on these fronts under intense fire. Consequently, two ammunition dumps, one fuel tank, two mortars and two trenches of the enemy were destroyed.

On the Abadan and Khuninshahr fronts, the combatants of the armed forces brought enemy positions under constant fire, inflicting the following heavy losses on the enemy: 7 tanks, 15 light and heavy-weapons' bunkers, 5 vehicles, 17 slit trenches and foxholes, 3 observation posts, 8 ammunition dumps, 3 ammunition trucks, 1 ammunition tent and 1 fuel tanker were destroyed.

The combantants of the navy brought enemy positions in the occupied sector of Khuninshahr under fire, destroying personnel trenches, one machinegun bunker and one mortar emplacement of the Iraqi forces. Yesterday, Abadan was, as on previous days, under enemy artillery and long-range weapons' fire.

On the Bostan front, as on other fronts, the combatants of the ground forces deprived the enemy of any form of feeble deployment and brought Iraqi positions under intensive fire. They set ablaze one 130-mm gun, one ammunition dump and one ammunition truck and killed or injured some of their personnel and scattered a number of their forces.

Yesterday, aggressive Iraqi planes intended to aggress against southern and western border towns, but thanks to the alertness of the self-sacrificing combatants of our air defense forces, which fired at them, they were forced to flee.

During the battle on 21 June, 17 of the defenders of our dear Islamic homeland gave their lives and received the honor of martyrdom. May God's mercy be upon their pure souls.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

GUARDS CORPS REPORTS BATTLEFIELD SUCCESSES

LD231812 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Statement by the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps on 23 June]

[Summary] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Glory be upon you combatants on the battlefronts. This is your message sent to the vigilant nation from the battlefields:

A. Western fronts:

Yesterday, heavy artillery fire of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran damaged four Iraqi tanks in Biarah. Mortar fire of the guards corps on an Iraqi military post in Atashgah between (Khormal) and Biarah destroyed eight military buildings and a radio antenna and inflicted losses on Saddam's mercenary forces.

Islamic combatants attacked several enemy vehicles carrying personnel and ammunition in Sayyid Sadiq and Halabjah. As a result, some enemy ammunition was destroyed and seven of Saddam's mercenaries were either killed or wounded.

In the (Haft Tavanan) region of Iraq, hand-to-hand fighting between self-sacrificing revolution guards and Iraqi Ba'thist infidels resulted in the killing or wounding of six of the mercenaries. The forces of Islam suffered no losses, thanks be to God.

In Mirabad and (Qelqeleh) in the Marivan region, our brother guards and Muslim Kurdish peshmergas clashed with armed bandits, inflicting losses on the counterrevolutionary mercenaries.

B. Southern fronts:

On 21 June on the Abadan-mahshahr front, our combatants destroyed four enemy tanks and personnel carriers. One TOW missile and an antiaircraft gun were also captured by the forces of Islam. During another series of operations on the same front, Rangers of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic and Revolution Guards Corps captured Iraqi mercenaries.

In other fighting, the accurate firing of the Islamic Revolution Guards destroyed several enemy squad trenches and weapons in the occupied part of Khuninshahr.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

IRAQI ORGANIZATION CITED ON MUJAHIDIN OPERATIONS

GF200946 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 20 Jun 81

[Text] We have received the following information from one of the Islamic organizations operating in Iraq:

Our sources in Iraq report that our people's revolution against the Ba'thist transgressors is escalating daily. Our mujahidin are steadfastly and courageously struggling to push the ruling Baghdad clique into the garbage heap of history and to purge our land of their filth.

Our mujahidin carried out the following operations during the second half of March [as heard]:

1. As-Sadr's group of our mujahidin blew up dumps of new French ammunition in Abu Ghurayb camp on Friday, 28 May. These dumps constituted the stock of Iraqi munitions imported for the 2 previous months. The mujahidin blew them up again on 1 June. The explosions were so loud they were clearly audible in Baghdad. The explosions lasted from 2130 until the morning of the following day.

2. 'Arif al-Basri's group of our valiant mujahidin blew up three MiG's in Ar-Rashid camp as they were preparing to raid positions inside Iranian territory. A large quantity of ammunition nearby exploded.

3. Our mujahidin blew up the air force ammunition dumps in (As-Saljiyeh) in Baghdad. Fire gutted the ammunition dump and burned it completely.

4. Husayn Ma'an's group blew up the oil station in the ('Utayfiyeh) in Baghdad. The mujahidin returned safely to base.

5. Our valiant heroes killed the brother of the Iraqi president's deputy, Taha Yasin al-Jazrawi, one of the criminals of the Christian regime. He was an army colonel. The mujahidin returned safely.

6. Another group of our mujahidin successfully blew up the paper factory in Al-Basrah.

7. Another group of our mujahidin attacked the 7 April organization of the facist regime in Al-Hudaydiyah in Ath-Thawrah City. They killed seven of the regime's gang. Another group attacked the headquarters of [name indistinct] club on An-Nahdah Street, close to eastern Baghdad station. They killed seven criminal Ba'thist members.

8. A group of our mujahidin ambushed the foreign minister of the Christian regime and attacked his car with handgrenades. A number of agents were wounded, including the ministry under secretary.

A salute of respect and awe to our heroes: Eternity and bliss to the martyrs of our victorious revolution!

KURDISH RADIO ON PESHMERGA OPERATION NEAR MAHABAD

JN201558 (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Surani Kurdish 1340 GMT 20 Jun 81

[Text] Mahabad--Our correspondent reports from Mahabad that, on the night of 17 June, the valiant peshmergas of the advance forces launched a three-sided attack against the army, guards and (?revolutionary committees) situated on [word indistinct] plateau, 10 km from Mahabad. They shelled them with heavy and light weapons for 3 hours, dealing them painful blows.

The news received from Mahabad reports that, during this heroic attack, the peshmergas managed to kill 67 of the guards, military and (?revolutionary committees) in Urumiyeh and Naqadeh. The dead included two operations and guards commanders. Moreover, the peshmergas managed to destroy two ammunition tents and two tanks.

Unfortunately, one of the peshmergas, Ibrahim Shaghu, was martyred and three others were slightly wounded in this heroic operation. We extend our sincere condolences to the family of martyr Ibrahim Shaghu, to the valiant peshmergas of the advance force, and to all Kordestan people. We also express our appreciation for this valiant operation against the enemy. Our appreciation and thanks to you again, wishing the wounded quick recovery.

KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY DENIES PESHMERGA ATTACK

JN211856 (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Kurdish 1330 GMT 21 Jun 81

[Text] Diwandrah--Our correspondent reports from Diwandrah that an armed unit attacked people in the Diwandrah-Marivan district. The peshmergas of the Iranian Kurdish Democratic Party [IKDP] were accused of these crimes. The IKDP issued a statement strongly denying these charges and saying that these rumors were aimed at slandering the IKDP peshmergas and that it would strongly retaliate against these people.

After the statement was issued, the peshmergas of the IKDP imposed a watch on the streets. A few days later, the peshmergas of the IKDP's Diwandrah branch were able to arrest several guards as they were [word indistinct].

The IKDP in Diwandrah instructed the honest citizens of the district to notify it of any attacks against them.

JAHROM GUARDS ARREST MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ SUSPECTS

GF231623 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Communique issued on 23 June by headquarters of revolution guards of Ninth District]

[Text] In his exalted name. "The United States cannot dare harm us"--Imam Khomeyni.

Following the recent U.S. plots carried out by the internal enemies, especially by minigroups of troublemakers, eight (?team) houses were discovered in Jahrom yesterday and some people were arrested. Jahrom revolution guards, following the orders of the Islamic revolution prosecutor, at 1900 yesterday searched the houses of persons suspected of belonging to the Mojahedin-e Khalq. They discovered a large number of weapons, a photocopier, a typewriter, paper, books of the organization, and documents on terrorizing officials and creating unrest and fear. Some of the minigroup troublemakers were arrested.

SHIRAZ GUARDS ARREST 40 REGIME OPPONENTS

GF212019 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 21 Jun 81

[Text] A commune has been discovered in Shiraz, and 40 girls who had gathered there and were shouting slogans against the Islamic Republic of Iran have been arrested and handed over to the judicial authorities. Our reporter has informed us that some miscellaneous pamphlets entitled "Plan of the Mojahed", sticks and knives were discovered and seized.

According to the same report, while these girls--who are members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq-e--were being arrested by Shiraz Islamic Revolution Guards, the Muslim residents of the neighboring houses gathered around the meeting place and shouted "The only party is the Hezbollah" and "Our only guide is Ruhollah."

This house is located at 10 Metri Naderi. It was identified yesterday and the residents have been arrested.

BUSHEHR PROSECUTOR ASKS CLOSE CHECK OF VESSELS

GF231555 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Text] The Islamic Revolution Prosecutor's Office in Bushehr has asked all military and security forces of the province, including the revolution guards corps, gendarmerie, revolution committees, and coast guards responsible for coastal security, to identify and check all vessels so that no suspicious movements are hidden from the alert soldiers of Islam. The Islamic Revolution Prosecutor Office's communique stresses that this is as an official order that should be carried out precisely. Carelessness and negligence will not be tolerated.

AHVAZ GUARDS ASK CITIZENS TO CHECK GUARDS' ID's

GF221449 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 22 Jun 81

[Text] The Ahvaz Revolution Guard Corps announces to the courageous and martyr-nurturing citizens of Ahvaz that it has been noticed that some persons using guards' names have arrested persons or have carried out house searches. The Ahvaz Revolution Guard Corps announces that all brothers assigned to these operations carry official orders issued by this office. Hence, if any violations are noted, you should call 22131 or 22706 as soon as possible and inform the command office of the revolution guards so that the violation will be investigated.

COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES, CITIZENS CLASH IN PROVINCES

GF212027 [Editorial Report] Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian at 1430 GMT on 21 June reports that "a very small number of antinational minigroups gathered at the 15th of Khordad Square in Neyriz yesterday afternoon and began chanting slogans.

"The informed citizens of the area poured out into the street after awhile and began chanting 'Your leader is Mosaddeq and our leader is Khomeyni; come let us fight.' This neutralized the deviators' scheme."

The report also notes that "the informed citizens of Neyriz assembled in front of the offices of the Islamic revolution guards and--in the presence of Neyriz clergymen--announced their absolute support for the velayat-e faqih and demanded that the counter-revolutionaries be prosecuted. This meeting continued until late in the night."

Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian at 1330 GMT on 23 June reports that "supporters of political minigroups who wanted to create unrest yesterday in Masjed Soleyman and attack people with firearms and knives came face to face with alert people who were chanting slogans such as 'Hezbollahi is the only party and Khomeyni is the only leader,' 'O troublemaker Peykari, your end is near.' By chanting these slogans, they expressed their support for velayat-e faqih and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The deceived mercenaries, seeing the clamoring groups of Hezbollahi's, fled in fear. Following this, the Muslim citizens of the city held a march in memory of Dr Chamran."

Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian at 1430 GMT on 23 June says that "following a clash created by U.S. minigroups and troublemakers, one person was killed and another injured in Jahrom today. According to our correspondent, members of the mercenary minigroups attacked people with knives and (?carpet) knives, injuring a youth. The Jahrom Revolution Guards Public Relations Office in a communique following the plots of the troublemakers asked people to avoid clashes with the paid agents, who were attacking people with arms. They should arrest these (?troublemakers) and hand them over to the authorities."

GUARDS ALERT RAMHORMOZ MOBILIZATION FORCES

GF231532 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Text] A communique issued by the Ramhormoz revolution Guards Corps asks all brothers who have completed the mobilization courses, all reservists and all resistance groups to report at 1800 today, 23 June, to the guards office.

It also requests all mobilization forces in cities and villages to be in a state of readiness in case they are called upon.

ABADAN RADIO REQUESTS BLOOD DONATIONS 23 JUN

GF230543 Abadan NIOC Radio in Persian 0455 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] This is Abadan NIOC Radio. Dear listeners, Taleqani hospital is in urgent need of blood. Taleqani hospital is in urgent need of all blood groups. All persons willing to donate blood please go to this hospital.